

Xena Networks Launches XenaCompact™ GbE/10GbE Test Platform After Trials on Internet2 Transatlantic Network Test Project

Immediately Available Through Resellers in Europe, North America, China and Australia

Copenhagen, Denmark, June 30, 2009 – Xena Networks ApS, a pioneering developer of Ethernet test solutions, today announced general availability of its XenaCompact™ GbE/10GbE test platform designed and priced to enable network and equipment test engineers to deploy Ethernet test infrastructure that is inexpensive, simple to manage and easy to scale in terms of test port count and test capabilities.

“As part of a cooperative test project between Internet2 in the United States and DANTE in the United Kingdom, MCNC used the XenaCompact™ to test and characterize various combinations of network equipment we use to terminate transatlantic OC-192 circuits with 10GbE customer interfaces”, said John Moore, Advanced Services Director at MCNC. “There has been great interest in the research and education community for a network test tool like Xena’s that provides the ability to accurately characterize the performance of a 10GbE network at a practical price point”, continued Mr. Moore.

“On the European side of this transatlantic test project, DANTE’s use of the XenaCompact™ was motivated by our urgent need for a cost-effective wire-speed 10GbE test solution”, said Roberto Sabatino, Chief Technical Officer at DANTE. “With Xena we found the very best price/performance proposition in an advanced wire-speed tester that enables us to affordably test and characterize operational nodes in our 10GbE network including our transatlantic links to the Internet2 Network”, continued Mr. Sabatino.

“Internet2 is happy to have had such a successful collaboration among member and partner organizations involved in this test project”, said Ellen Vaughan, Industry Relations Manager at Internet2. “A key mission of Internet2 and its international counterparts is to provide a large scale network laboratory for our members to test and refine new technologies and services prior to their commercial release. The collaboration between Xena, DANTE, MCNC and Internet2 showcases how academia and industry can work together to achieve this important goal.” A product evaluation report is available from the Internet2 website that describes how the XenaCompact™ platform was used on the test project. The report can be downloaded here: <http://www.internet2.edu/info/MCNC-Xena-product-eval-whitepaper.pdf>

“The feedback we consistently receive validates the XenaCompact™ value proposition as filling a big gap between cheap PC/hosted test solutions that cannot deliver wire-speed performance and commercially available alternatives that are prohibitively expensive for a great number of applications”, said Jacob V. Nielsen, CEO of Xena Networks. “Our customers appreciate that we offer a GbE/10GbE test platform with the right balance of competitive price and wire-speed performance”, continued Mr. Nielsen.

The XenaCompact™ achieves its price/performance benchmark through a unique hardware design providing wire-speed L2/L3 traffic generation and analysis capabilities in a compact one rack-unit form factor. Each unit supplies up to six GbE ports or two 10GbE ports in a variety of copper and optical interfaces. The XenaManager™ test management software provides an intuitive graphical user interface requiring little to no training to use. And, a flexible scripting interface enables test engineers using the XenaCompact™ to implement a wide range of test setups including those requiring interoperability with 3rd party test tools.

Pricing and Availability

The XenaCompact™ is priced under \$10K per 10GbE port and is available now.

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About Xena Networks

Copenhagen-based Xena Networks is a privately held pioneering developer of Ethernet test solutions, founded in 2007. The company's products enable network and equipment test engineers to deploy Ethernet test infrastructure that is inexpensive, simple to manage and easy to scale. With operations and distributors in Europe, North America, China and Australia, Xena Networks is first to introduce Ethernet test infrastructure delivering the price/performance advantages of Ethernet technology. For more information, visit www.xenanetworks.com.

About DANTE

DANTE is a non-profit organisation, coordinator of large-scale projects co-funded by the European Commission, and working in partnership with European National Research and Education Networks (NRENs) to plan, build and operate advanced networks for research and education. Established in 1993, DANTE has been fundamental to the success of pan-European research and education networking. DANTE has built and operates GÉANT, which provides the data communications infrastructure essential to the success of many research projects in Europe. DANTE is involved in worldwide initiatives to interconnect countries in the other regions to one another and to GÉANT. DANTE currently manages projects focused on the Mediterranean, Latin American and Asia-Pacific regions through the EUMEDCONNECT, ALICE and TEIN projects, respectively. For more information, visit www.dante.net.

About Internet2

Internet2 is the foremost U.S. advanced networking consortium. Led by the research and education community since 1996, Internet2 promotes the missions of its members by providing both leading-edge network capabilities and unique partnership opportunities that together facilitate the development, deployment and use of revolutionary Internet technologies. By bringing research and academia together with technology leaders from industry, government and the international community, Internet2 promotes collaboration and innovation that has a fundamental impact on the future of the Internet. For more information, visit www.internet2.edu.

About MCNC

MCNC is an independent, non-profit organization that employs advanced networking technologies and systems to continuously improve learning and collaboration throughout North Carolina's K-20 education community. MCNC provides advanced communications technologies and support services that enable access to 21st century learning applications and offers the opportunity to improve teaching, learning, research and collaboration among North Carolina's education community. For almost a quarter century, the 501(c)3 non-profit organization, MCNC, has operated a robust, secure, exclusive communications network that has connected the institutions of the University of North Carolina System, Duke University and Wake Forest University to each other, and through advanced research networks such as Internet2 and National Lambda Rail, to the world. For more information, visit www.mcnc.org.

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